Krishi Vigyan Kendra in North Eastern Region

775. SHRI PRAKANTA WARISA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Krishi Vigyan Kendra have been established in all rural areas of the NER:

(b) if not, the names of districts where no Krishi Vigyan Kendra has been set up in NER and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the concrete steps being taken or proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K. SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) have established Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) in 13 districts of North Eastern Region (NER). There are 56 districts where no KVK has been set up, the names of which are indicated in Statement. (*See* below).

(c) The Council have identified six districts of Assam to strengthen the existing Zonal Agricultural Research Stations (ZARS) to take up additional functions of KVK *viz.*, Kamrup, Lakhimpur, Naogaon, Tinsukia, Karbi Anglong and Karimganj.

Statement

Details of Krishi Vigyan Kendras in North Eastern Region

Sl. No.	State	No. of districts	Districts having KVK	Districts without KVK
1.	Arunachal Pradesh	13	(i) West Siang	(i) Tawang (ii) West Kamang (iii) East Kamang (iv) Papum-Pare (v) Lower Subsansiri (vi) Upper Subsansiri (vii) East Siang (viii) Upper Siang (ix) Dibang Valley (x) Lohit (xi) Changland (xii) Tirap
2.	Assm	23	(i) Kokrajhar (ii) Sonitpur (iii) Golaghat (iv) Cachar	(i) Dhubri (ii) Bongaigaon (iii) Goalpara (iv) Barpeta (v) Nalbari (vi) Kamrup (vii) Darrang (viii) Lakhimpur (ix) Dhemaji (x) Morigaon (xi) Naogaon (xii) Jorhat (xiii) Sibsagar (xiv) Dibrugarh (xv) Tinsukia (xvi) Karbi Anglong (xvii) North Cachar Hills (xviii) Karimganj (xix) Hailakandi

3.	Manipur	08	(i) Imphal	(i) Bishnupur (ii) Chandel (iii) Churachandpur (iv) Senapati (v) Tamenglong (vi) Thoubal (vii) Ukhrul
4.	Meghalaya	07	(i) West Garo Hills	(i) East Garo Hills (ii) East Khasi Hills (iii) Jaintia Hills (iv) West Khasi Hills (v) Ri-Bhoi (vi) South Garo Hills
5.	Mizoram	03	(i) Aizawal (ii) Lunglei	(i) Chhimtuipui
6.	Nagaland	07	(i) Kohima	(i) Mokokchung (ii) Mon (iii) Phek (iv) Tunensang (v) Wokha (vi) Zunheboto
7.	Sikkim	04	(i) East Sikkim	(i) North Sikkim (ii) South Sikkim (iii) West Sikkim
8.	Tripura	04	(i) South Tripura (ii) West Tripura	(i) North Tripura (ii) Dhalai
	TOTAL	69	13	56

Loans to Farmers of North Eastern Region

776. SHRI PRAKANTA WARISA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of financial assistance given to NER for providing agriculture loans to farmers during the last five years, State-wise/year wise;

(b) the details of financial assistance proposed to be granted for the purpose during the 9th Five Year Plan; and

(c) the steps being taken or proposed to be taken by Government